

# IN-SERVICE



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## **Association of Saints Church Radio Amateurs (ASCRA) 2013 Triennial International Meetings Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**

**WØSHQ Special Event Operation (April 13-18)  
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Open House and Amateur Radiogram Service**

The 2013 Triennial ASCRA International Membership meeting will be held Saturday, April 13, 2013. Join us at 09:00 AM Central Time at the Gudgell Park congregation, three blocks east of Noland Road at 500 East Gudgell, Independence, MO 64055. Talk-in frequency is 146.73 MHz using ASCRA's WØSHQ 13/73(-) repeater (no PL), or contact Douglas Shaw WAØEMX, ASCRA Executive Director (h: 816.358.6856, m: 816.686.0112, [wa0emx@arrl.net](mailto:wa0emx@arrl.net)).

Following the 9 AM mixer, the membership meeting should begin no later than 09:30 AM and should last approximately two hours. Our guest speakers from *Hams in Space* will give an educational presentation about Amateur Radio Satellite Communications. Demonstration contacts via any timely satellite passes will also be attempted using simple hand-held antennas and low power radios/HTs.

We will adjourn for lunch together at Ryan's Family Steak House (buffet), 1511 East 23rd Street (Zip code 64055, north on Noland Road from Gudgell, then east on 23rd). The ASCRA board of directors will meet at the church following lunch, hopefully no later than 2:00 PM.

ASCRA's Ken Krahl Memorial Amateur Radio Station WØSHQ (room 631, IHQ: 816-833-1000 ext. 1319) is located in the southeast corner of the Auditorium, accessed from the fifth floor up the stairwell above the Risk Management office. During our daily World Conference (and USA Conference) OPEN HOUSE, licensed visitors may operate the HQ station after a brief operational training session. All interested unlicensed visitors are also very welcome and may talk with other Ham Radio stations around the world under supervision of the duty operator.

We hope to man the station throughout each Conference day and evening whenever operators are available to greet visitors. Hours will be posted on the 6th floor hallway door and with each ASCRA Radiogram Poster at information desks in the Temple lobby and the north and west Auditorium lobbies. Visitors may file greetings to be sent via Amateur Radiograms at these same locations or at the radio station itself.

For more information visit the ASCRA website at <http://www.ascra.org>, ASCRA's Facebook page at <http://tinyurl.com/ASCRA-WOSHQ> or contact the ASCRA Executive Director as noted above. During the Conference one may also call the station extension, x1319.

### **Election for 2013-2015 ASCRA Board of Directors Class is now open**

**See the article on the next page followed by the photos and Bios of the eight nominees standing for election.**

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**Since ASCRA has no dues, if possible, please do not forget to send your tax deductible donation to ASCRA for 2012. Your generosity will help bring HQ station WØSHQ back on the air and expand operational opportunities for World Conference, USA National Conference, and on through the year, including WØSHQ Remote Base and Echolink capability.**

**EDITOR WANTED to layout ASCRA's IN-SERVICE newsletter.** Contact Executive Director Doug Shaw WAØEMX for details.

## **The Election for the 2013-2015 ASCRA Board of Directors Class is now open**

The nominees listed below have indicated their willingness to serve as members of the board and request your vote. [See the 8 nominee photos and bios on the following three pages.](#) [The ballot with complete instructions is included on the inside of the last page of this issue.](#)

Please vote for no more than six persons. You may also write-in candidates, but each of those will count as one of your six votes. Please verify willingness to serve with any write-in candidate. The nominees listed on the ballot are:

- Aaron Beebe, KD8JQK, Caro, MI
- Chuck Palmer, NØONN, Independence, MO (incumbent, Treasurer)
- Doug Shaw, WAØEMX, Raytown, MO (incumbent, Executive Director)
- Ernie Miles, WB2UJL, Durham, NC (incumbent)
- James R. Craft, KB5BFE, Independence, MO (incumbent, Secretary)
- John Danielson, KF0WI, Indianola, IA
- Ray Knapp, WA2GTM, Perry, IA
- Robin Cross, WØFEN, Kansas City, MO (incumbent, President)

Please return your ballot to ASCRA, PO Box 73, Independence, MO 64051, no later than March 31, 2013. You may also vote via email to [jrcraft79@yahoo.com](mailto:jrcraft79@yahoo.com) either by sending the ballot (.PDF) linked on this page as an attachment or copying and pasting your vote to the email.

As ASCRA operates with no required annual dues, please consider including a contribution to help offset the ongoing costs to operate and improve WØSHQ and provide license class materials to Spectacular participants at Graceland every summer.

James Craft, ADOAC  
ASCRA Secretary

## **ASCRA WØSHQ Special Event World and USA Conference Operation**

Depending on control operator availability, ASCRA HQ Station WØSHQ will be on the air during the World Conference April 13-18 and the USA Conference April 19-21, 2013.

Times of operation will nominally be from 0900 to 2100 CDT daily. See SKYWAVES column on page 7 for more details regarding times and frequencies of operation. If antennas are available and propagation is favorable operation on other frequencies may be attempted typically near the center of each sub-band on 80, 15 and 10 meters. The station operators will also try to monitor the WØSHQ two meter repeater on 147.13/.73 MHz (no PL) and EchoLink node WØSHQ-R, node# 127303. Variations to operating frequencies and times may be posted on the ASCRA Facebook page, <http://tinyurl.com/ASCRA-WØSHQ...>

When radiogram traffic needs to be passed, the station may choose to join various traffic nets on 20 or 40 meters during the day. If an 80 meter antenna is available by Conference week, some early evening 75 meter traffic nets may be visited as well. Otherwise radiogram traffic will be passed on via previously identified local KC area VHF/UHF stations who regularly relay messages to the National Traffic System.

ASCRA members interested in taking operating shifts during this period should contact Executive Director, Doug Shaw, WAØEMX (at) arrl.net prior to or during the Conference week or apply at the WØSHQ. See location of the station described in column 1 paragraph 4 on page 1 of this issue.

## 2013 ASCRA Director Nominees

### Aaron Beebe KD8JQK

I have been a Technician Class operator since 2008 but am currently working on studying up for Extra, so I can get on some more HF bands. I like to participate in regular nets. Right now I am only running hand held, but Echo-link has come a long way so I will often operate on that.



When a friend of mine introduced me to the hobby he was a member of ASCRA and I took a tour of the Auditorium Ham shack in either '96 or '98. I am interested in helping ASCRA grow in the use of technology. I am an IT Systems Admin by trade and getting things to talk to each other (computers and databases) is something that I love doing. Take care.

### Chuck Palmer NØNN

Chuck Palmer is a current member of the board of directors and has served as our excellent treasurer for several years. Until his motorcycle injury about a year ago, he has also done long term, yeoman service as the chief tower monkey for WØSHQ. He has been known to climb our tower for us even when the Midwestern clipper is blowing a gale. (-Ed.)



### Doug Shaw WAØEMX

Licensed since 1962, I entered my 51<sup>st</sup> year as a licensed Radio Amateur this past December.

My most precious ham radio memories



are of my association with ASCRA and the many great friends I have made since I was fortunate to be part of ASCRA's founding in 1973. One high point was installing a ham station at La Buena Fe clinic in Honduras in December 1978, where my dad took his Novice exam from a Nazarene missionary friend who later helped our plane load of medical supplies and personnel through customs after Hurricane Fifi.

My passion throughout these years has been and remains to serve ASCRA the best I can in whatever capacity. I will continue to encourage our association and its members to grow in operational capabilities and be of effective service to each other, the Church and the communities it serves; and to strengthen our working relationships with International Church HQ personnel. I have found many fellow travelers during this endeavor for whom I am very grateful.

I am currently serving in my fourth year as ASCRA's Executive Director. Many technical and administrative challenges at WØSHQ have been overcome or are soon to be resolved, thanks to the support and expertise of local hams and ASCRA members which has been invaluable.

After the Conference meetings, I expect to reforge the close relationship between ASCRA and new personnel at the Independence-Eastern Jackson County Emergency Preparedness office. I hope to spur formation of new ASCRA chapters and motivate more ASCRA members to actively support their local ARES and other local and national Emergency Responder organizations and on-the-air networks representing local Church and community jurisdictions

I am very excited and optimistic by ASCRA's growing potential for effective service to the Church and the communities of which we are a part.

*(Nominees continued)*

### **Ernie Miles WB2UJL**

I've enjoyed the tremendous ASCRA friendships that have formed over the years.

I have been a member and served as a director of ASCRA since the 1970's. I have served as President and net control for the 20 meter Sunday net.

I want to be a part of ASCRA's future.



(Ernie also writes the ASCRA Nets Check-in reports and maintains our current website. – Ed.)

### **Jim Craft AD0AC**



I was first licensed in 1997 as KD5BFE. I upgraded to General in 2007 and Extra Class as AD0AC in 2012. I became involved with ASCRA around 1998 while I was a Graceland College student and was a member of the Graceland ARC, W0YO.

I am a lawyer and I work for the State of Missouri.

I enjoy operating mostly phone on HF and 2m/440 as well as direction finding activities. I am currently also a member of the Independence FM ARC and will be participating in operating K2BSA at the 2013 National Scout Jamboree in West Virginia this next summer. Other hobbies include scouting, playing guitar in my congregation's praise band, and camping or hunting.

I would like help advance the hobby among younger members of the Church and seek more participation from the various headquarters departments, such as the World Service Corps. I would also like to promote the history of the Latter-day Saint movement through special events.

(Jim is currently ASCRA Secretary, -Ed.)

### **John Danielson KF0WI**

*(On a project site in North Africa)*



I hold an FCC First Class license and an Extra Class Amateur Radio license. I have been in RF communications for 40 years (long time) and worked for the State of Iowa for 33 years in communications. After my retirement with the State, I worked in California as VP of operations for Pacific Wireless. We built cell sites throughout the state.

When that was completed, Bev and I started a consulting company and we travel throughout the US doing projects.



One very interesting project was working in New York City on the Bank of America building, a new 54 story financial complex, where I installed 500 antennas in the building. I have also worked for the Israelis on RF projects that were very interesting.

We enjoy traveling outside the US and in our travels we have been to Nicaragua with Outreach International. Some time I would like to set up communications in 3rd world countries as a project if the opportunity arises.

I believe I can be of service not only to ASCRA but to help fulfill the needs of amateur radio through our church contacts world-wide. Bev and I support Outreach International and enjoy working with our friends in South America.

*(Nominees continued)*

### **Ray Knapp WA2GTM**



When I was in High School I got involved with Amateur radio through the local IBM Explorer post for computers and amateur radio. Through the Explorer post I

got my first call WN2GTM. I borrowed equipment and had fun putting up antennas on and around the barn where I had my ham shack.

After heading off to Graceland I upgraded my license to general and got the call WA2GTM. I was active at Graceland using a dipole antenna on the side of the dorm outside my room windows. While I was at Graceland I made my first contact with ASCRA, visited the station many times when attending World Conference. In the 1980's I got into packet radio and even tested some software for use on the space shuttle (being fortunate to be the only person in Iowa having an up to date TNC that could run the software)

After the family came along I did not have time or the money to support my Amateur Radio hobby. Then, almost 3 years ago I retired, after working as a computer programmer for 30 years, purchased an IC-7000, a Cushcraft R8 antenna and got back on the air.

I have been active in Boy Scouting for the since 1990 and bring my radio knowledge to scouting. This past year I helped the Hiawatha Amateur Radio Club of Perry Iowa set up a four operator station at the Mitigwa Scout Camp for Jamboree on the Air. 25 scouts participated and one scout talked to a station in Europe.

My antenna was bent during a major snow event on December 19-20, 2012. I must get up on the roof to repair any damage so I

can continue checking into the 20 and 40 meter ASCRA nets. I am also active on EchoLink, APRS, want to explore D-star and work computer controlled Amateur Radio operations.

I hope to get more involved with ASCRA now that I have become more active with Amateur Radio. This is especially true now that I have more time and I have family in the Independence area.

### **Robin Cross WØFEN**



Professionally, I am the Chief Engineer for the Kansas City NPR affiliate Radio station, KCUR-FM, having been a broadcast engineer for more than 30 years. I love tubes and amplifiers that use "empty state" devices. I enjoy tuning up an

amplifier. I can talk about technical areas for hours. I have been a Ham for nearly 30 years and have held the Extra Class license since 1985.

I have been net control for the 80-meter net in the early 80s and for the 20 and 40 meter nets when I can assist. I have been a Director on and off for about 20 years. I have served as Secretary and Executive Director, and currently serve as President. Since moving to the Independence area I am the WØSHQ trustee.

I am deeply committed to ASCRA. I look forward to representing you to the best of my ability.

*(Robin recently facilitated and mentored a group of Extra Class students. -Ed.)*

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## ASCRA Silent Keys

**Ellis Thatcher W5QPT >>> SK**  
2140 SW 1st Street  
Lees Summit, MO 64081-9601

The last issue of the newsletter to Ellis W5QPT Thatcher was returned with the notation that addressee was deceased. Ellis was the late Tom W2TFT Thatcher's brother. Apparently his daughter, Vicki Baltz (with whom he had been living in Lees Summit), made the notation and returned the newsletter.

I sent an inquiry to a number of Tom's and Ellis' relatives whom I met at Tom's memorial service last June (2012). Dave Thatcher replied with the information that Ellis had died on July 10, 2010, before Tom's passing on June 9, 2012. Condolences were sent to Vicki on behalf of all of Ellis' ASCRA brothers and sisters.

Drop a note by snail mail to Vicki if you feel so led.

(Doug WA0EMX)

**Jean Cox N0XTR >>> SK**  
9580 S 2101<sup>st</sup> RD  
Humansville, MO 65674

We had missed contact with Jean (Advanced



class N0XTR) by radio and Email for some time without knowing why. Indirect contact with Jean attempted through known

relatives, Jeff (N0OXK) and Sue (N0TBJ) Winship revealed he was ill but few details since they had not heard from him or his wife Joan for some time as well.

A letter sent to Joan expressing hope that all was well finally received a reply from Jean's wife, Joan N0YNW) dated 31 DEC 2012. In it she informs us that Jean died in March 2012. She has sold his ham equipment and does not plan on making any future calls, and suggests being removed from ASCRA membership. (Joan's Advanced Class license expires 14 SEPT 2013. Jean's expires 06 JUL 2013.)

We will all miss Jean's ready smile and humor.

(Doug WA0EMX)

### **W0SHQ Operational Status**

As this is written most of the remaining tasks required to put the station back on the air are completed. Many, many man-hours by yours truly, and several local area ASCRA members, were consumed to accomplish this. These efforts were described in more detail with numerous photos in the last issue. Special thanks again go to Bert Isaacks KA5PAO who has become our go-to guy climbing the tower and dressing our new coaxial feed lines to the TH6 tri-band yagi and the new 2m/70cm J-pole atop the 20 foot tower above the SE corner of the Auditorium. One major item remaining is replacing the balun on the TH6. With luck for good weather we should be able to complete this task before our Conference Meeting. Reorganizing the radio shack itself by Conference week is a priority as well. The next antenna project is installing a multi-band dipole for 80-10 meters EMComm and remote base operations, which may not be possible until after Conference.

### **Conference Week ASCRA-W0SHQ Special Event Operation April 13-21**

ASCRA-W0SHQ Special Event Operation, April 13-21. All ASCRA stations are encouraged to get on the air as often as possible during the week-long event to make contact with other members and non ASCRA stations alike. A certificate is planned for all reporting participants who make contact with W0SHQ or any other ASCRA stations. Send a report and/or photo(s), to Box 73 or to WA0EMX, of your activities and we will include them in an article in a future issue of *IN SERVICE*.

#### Operating times:

**1859 CDT (2359 UTC) Saturday, April 13, to 1859 CDT (2359 UTC) Sunday, April 21.**

#### Suggested operating frequencies:

**14.287 MHz, 7.190 MHz, 3.885 MHz, and the center of any other bands or sub-bands (+/- QRM).**

W0SHQ will try to monitor Echolink repeater nodes W0SHQ-R (#127303) 146.13/73 in Independence, MO; W0YO-R (#127318) on W0SHQ/R 13/73 PL 114.8 at Graceland University Ham Club, Lamoni, Iowa; and the Kansas City VA Hospital Amateur Radio Club KC0VA-R (443.5 MHz) PL 151.4, EchoLink node (#7957) on the hour and half hour when not already in QSO and when HF band propagation is minimal. Search for ASCRA on the EchoLink server for other ASCRA member nodes. See [www.echolink.org](http://www.echolink.org) for more information about Echolink and to download the free client software.

### **Bill Shaw – KB0CDD - Honored with Community of Christ International Youth Service Award**

*February 10, 2013* ~ Bill Shaw KB0CDD was very surprised when awarded the Church's International Youth Service Award by Good Shepherd Congregation's pastor, Pam Ashley. He graduated from Independence's William Chrisman High School in 1940. He will be 91 on April 5<sup>th</sup> and may be the oldest living Novice Class licensee.



He served three years in the Naval Air Corps as a PBY pilot, flying combat patrols from the Aleutians to Japan. He married Joanne Wilson in 1945 and went on to graduate from Cornell University as a chemical engineer. They lived in Pittsburg, KS for 3 years where they met Eldon Hart (KY6U) as he attended Pittsburg State. After moving back to Independence in 1953, he was baptized a member of the Ridgewood congregation in the RLDS Church in 1960. He was ordained a priest in 1963, an elder in '67 and a high priest in '73.

An Eagle Scout himself, he served as an Explorer Post advisor in Pittsburg and founded Boy Scout Troop 334 in 1961. 25% of the troop's registered boys have reach Eagle rank, compared to 2% nationally and 4% for the Heart of America Council – including two sons, two grandsons, a grandson-in-law, and soon a great grandson. He served as Ridgewood pastor from 1971 through 1973, when the partnership with Pleasant Heights congregation was forged and the current sanctuary was built. The two congregations merged as Good Shepherd in July

2012 and now sponsor together Boy Scout Troops 334 and 347 (PH), Pack 334, and Girl Scout Troop 1721.

His ministry has been best described as a “be-friending” ministry characterized by his continued Boy Scout work, a Honduras mission trip in 1978 with son Doug WA0EMX, and 23 years of service to Independence's Japanese Sister City Committee (serving as president from '83 through '85). In recent years he has devoted his service to Outreach International. Bill and Joanne have 2 sons, 5 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

*(When you learn that other members, or you, receive special honors please report them so we can share them with ASCRA and celebrate with you. –ed.)*

# Net Check-Ins by Ernie Miles, WB2UJL

January 6, 2013

These are the check-ins on Sunday's 20 meter net (14.287MHz) 2130 CT and 40 meter net (7.190 MHz) 2030 CT for the period between July 22, 2012 and January 6, 2013. Are you in the list? Please consider joining us on the HF bands.

## 20 Meter Net

N0AIX Larry Ragan  
AD0AC James Craft  
KD0CNW Larry Tietz  
W0DZX David Atkins  
W10F Gary Tickemyer  
W0FEN Robin Cross  
KD0GCH William Prince  
KA0GFC Charles Brady  
WA0IBS Andy Ferrar  
N0IYD John Chapman  
WB0LCW Robert Henderson  
KC0LUA Ryan Verthein  
KD0MEI Edward Briley  
AA0OS Jon Barney  
KD0PON Gary Sorenson  
KB0QIP Thomas Hobbs  
KM0S Mike Thayer  
AC0UN Alan Henderson  
KC0VCC Joseph Elliott  
  
KB1BBY Scott Frazer  
KB1YNK Jesse Shulins  
  
WA2GTM Ray Knapp  
WB2UJL Ernie Miles  
  
WA3OFA David Sebesta  
VA3RZ Raymond Else  
VE3SCP Scott Price  
  
KK4KMB Tony Pennington  
KC4URW Robert Werner  
  
KB5EAG TJ Redding  
KD5FHF Bryan Broden  
  
KB5HR Gordon Mansfield  
KF5HVV William Comer  
KF5JUX Harry Henderson  
N5LCL Paul Gates  
KF5OFW Philip Berry

KC5SLQ Daryl Pate  
KE5WQD John Hardin  
  
W6DY Lawrence Fleming  
KC6HMK Charles Aaker  
W6LMJ Terry Redding  
  
KF7VWA John Zyski  
  
K9EID Robert Heil  
N9FCN Robert Smith  
KA9OYD Cliff Petit  
N9QA Charles Williams  
W9SJZ Karl Forsgren  
KC9WFW Gene Townsend  
KC9WPF Candice Maldonado

## 40 Meter Net

W0DZX Dave Atkins  
W0FEN Robin Cross  
KD0MEI Edward Briley  
KD0MLW James Craft Sr.  
KM0S Michael Thayer  
W0TSM Tom Mahoney  
KC0UKA Michael Little  
AC0UN Alan Henderson  
  
WA2GTM Ray Knapp  
WB2UJL Ernie Miles  
  
KB3WGE James Uttard  
  
WA4ILH Thomas Lussen  
KC4URW Robert Werner  
  
KF5JUX Harry Henderson  
KF5RXC Lewis Brooks  
KZ5V Donald Ourada  
  
W6LMJ Terry Redding  
  
AC8IN Sean Darrah  
  
KC9PAU William Boesch



**2013 ASCRA DIRECTORS BALLOT**  
ASSOCIATION OF SAINTS CHURCH RADIO AMATEURS, INC.  
**Election Ballot - Board of Directors - 2013-2015 term**

Members only may vote for up to six (6) nominees (*in this election*) by checking a box, by circling name or call sign, or otherwise marking their selections. **More than six votes will invalidate your ballot.** **Ballots may be returned to the Secretary via postal mail, E-mail, or phone call.** Please provide name and call sign of the voting member to insure a valid ballot. A separate "ballot" submitted by each voting member is recommended. A simple E-mail listing your selections by full name and/or call sign is an acceptable alternative ballot but should **include "Submitted by: your name and/or call sign" to sufficiently identify the originator.** Contact the *Secretary* if you vote via E-mail and do not receive an acknowledgement back.

**Ballots must be RECEIVED by 23:59 Central (US) Time, Sunday, March 31, 2013.**

**Voting Member's Signature & call sign:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print your name below signature)

8 nominees submitted by the 13 January 2013 deadline are listed in alphabetical order by first name. If you wish to write-in different name(s), use a space provided. **Vote for no more than SIX nominees.**

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OR... Vote by phone at 816-503-9129.

**Since ASCRA requires no dues please consider sending a tax exempt donation by check paid to ASCRA, Inc., to help defray newsletter and other operating or project expenses.** *Treasurer will provide a receipt on request.*

Questions or comments regarding the ballot process are welcomed via your ballot envelope or may be sent to the Secretary via E-mail or by phone at 816-503-9129.

If possible, please review your entry in the ASCRA membership database. Access instructions are described on p.7 of the Fall 2011 *IN SERVICE*. Send any changes (license class upgrades, phone numbers, new post office or E-mail addresses, etc.) to the ASCRA post office box or to the Directory Manager via E-mail or postal mail:

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